



*Maritime OPINTEL Report*

**(U) HORN OF AFRICA and GULF OF GUINEA: Piracy  
Analysis and Warning Weekly (PAWW) Report  
for 7 - 13 November 2013**

*Maritime Crime/Piracy*

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**1. (U) Horn of Africa Scope Note**

(U) The Piracy Analysis and Warning Weekly (PAWW) Report is a review of recent piracy and maritime crime incidents and an outlook on threats around the Horn of Africa.

**2. (U) Horn of Africa - Piracy Events Over Past Week**

(U) Pirate and maritime crime activity in African waters is at low levels. There was one reported pirate attack on a merchant ship during this one-week period.

**A. (U) Details**

**(U) Vessels Hijacked:** No incidents to report.

**(U) Vessels Boarded:** No incidents to report.

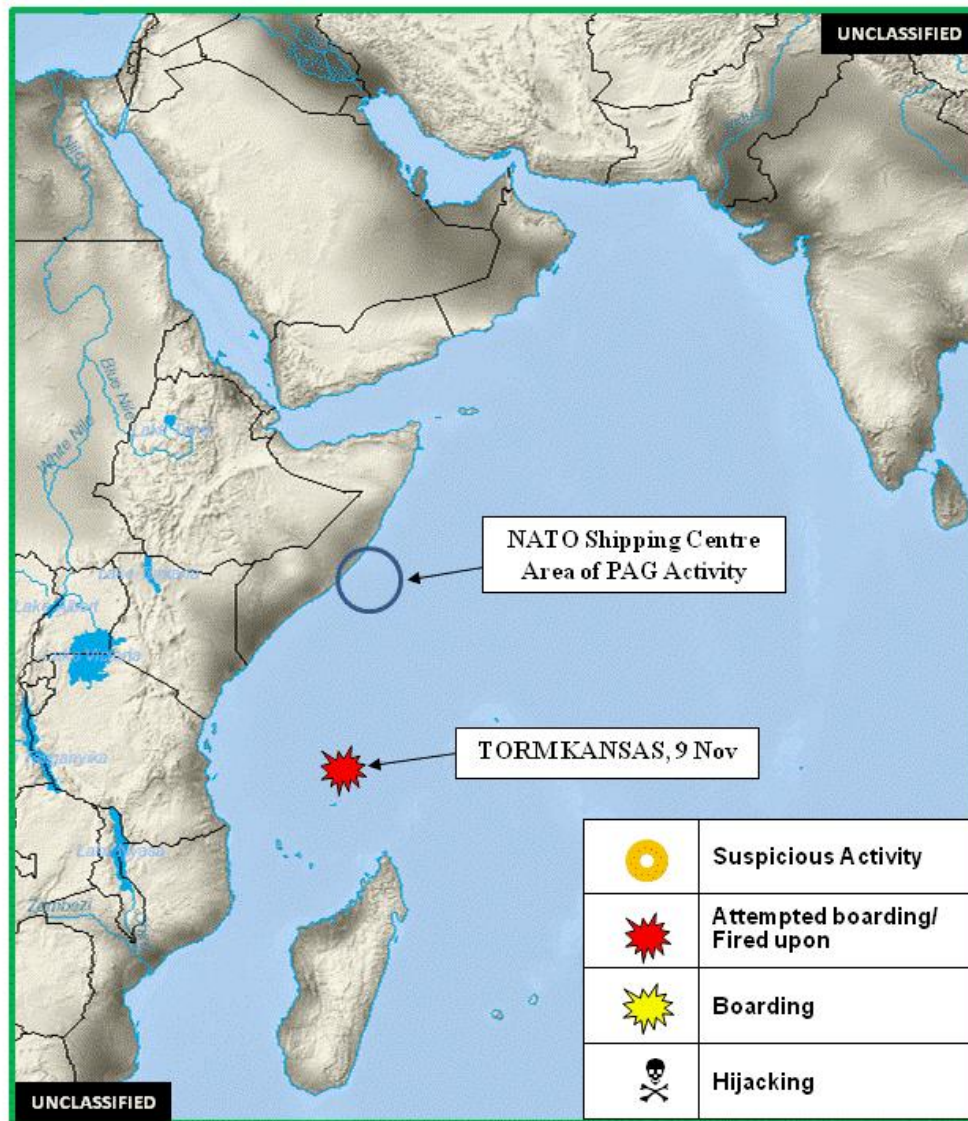
**(U) Vessels Fired Upon/Attempted Boardings:**

(U) INDIAN OCEAN: On 9 November, the Denmark-flagged chemical tanker TORM KANSAS was attacked near position 07:19 S – 048:36 E, approximately 180 nm northwest of Providence Island, Seychelles. Up to six armed pirates approached the ship in one skiff. Officer on watch raised the alarm and the armed security team on board fired rocket flares followed by warning shots. The skiff closed to a distance of 200 meters and fired upon the tanker. Master increased speed, activated SSAS, sent distress message, fire hoses activated and the non-essential crew mustered in the citadel. The on board security team exchanged fire with the pirates resulting in the skiff aborting the attack. (NATO Shipping Centre, IMB, Marinelog.com)

(U) **Other Activity:** No incidents to report.

(U) **INDIAN OCEAN:** The Danish warship **ESBERN SNARE**, the closest NATO unit to the failed attack on 9 November, was directed to the scene by the Commander of the Ocean Shield Task Force (CTF-508), Commodore Henning Amundsen. During the night of 9 November, despite unfavourable weather conditions, **ESBERN SNARE** located a whaler and a skiff in the vicinity of the attack on the Danish tanker. On 10 November **ESBERN SNARE**'s Special Maritime Insertion Unit, supported by the embarked Lynx helicopter, launched an operation against the two small craft to investigate their possible involvement in the attack. The suspected pirates surrendered without resistance and are being detained aboard **ESBERN SNARE**. (marinelog.com)

## B. (U) Incident Disposition



(U) **Figure 1. HoA Maritime Crime Activity, 7 – 13 November 2013**

(U) Figure 1 is a visual depiction of the incidents detailed in above summary of events.

**C. (U) Tabulated Data for Horn of Africa Activity**

	<b>This Week</b>	<b>Last Week</b>	<b>Nov 2013</b>	<b>Oct 2013</b>	<b>2013</b>	<b>2012</b>	<b>2011</b>	<b>2010</b>
<b>Vessels Hijacked</b>	0	0	0	0	0	7	27	51
<b>Boarding</b>	0	0	0	0	0	1	17	16
<b>Vessels Fired Upon/ Attempted Boarding</b>	1	1	1	1	7	24	122	119
<b>Total</b>	1	1	1	1	7	32	166	186

(U) Table 1 is a summary of piracy events that have occurred this week, this month, and current/prior years. Note: The above statistics do not include regional dhows/fishing vessels that were hijacked. Hijacked dhows are frequently used motherships by pirates and released without a ransom being paid.

**3. Currently Hijacked Vessels**

(U) Pirates are no longer holding any hijacked vessels off the coast of Somalia.

**4. Horn of Africa Weather Forecast for 13 - 20 November 2013**

**A. (U) GULF OF ADEN:** Easterly winds of 15 – 20 knots and seas of 3 – 4 feet in the western section of the Gulf; with easterly winds of 15 – 20 knots and seas of 3 – 4 feet in the eastern section of the Gulf. **EXTENDED FORECAST:** Easterly winds of 5 – 10 knots and seas of 3 – 4 feet in the western section of the Gulf; with easterly winds of 5 – 10 knots and seas of 3 – 4 feet in the eastern section of the Gulf.

**B. (U) GULF OF OMAN:** Northwest winds of 5 – 10 knots and seas of 2 – 4 feet in the western section of the Gulf; with northwest winds of 5 – 10 knots and seas of 2 – 4 feet in the eastern section of the gulf. **EXTENDED FORECAST:** Northwest winds of 5 – 10 knots and seas of 2 – 4 feet in the western section of the Gulf; with northwest winds of 5 – 10 knots and seas of 2 – 4 feet in the eastern section of the gulf.

**C. (U) SOMALI COAST:** Northeast winds of 5 – 10 knots and seas of 3 – 4 feet. **EXTENDED FORECAST:** Northeast winds of 5 – 10 knots and seas of 3 – 4 feet.

**D. (U) NORTH ARABIAN SEA:** Northerly winds of 5 – 10 knots and seas of 2 – 4 feet. **EXTENDED FORECAST:** Northerly winds of 5 – 10 knots and seas of 2 – 4 feet.

**E. (U) CENTRAL AFRICAN COAST/INDIAN OCEAN:** East-southeast winds of 10 – 15 knots and seas of 3 – 5 feet. **EXTENDED FORECAST:** East-southeast winds of 5 – 10 knots and seas of 3 – 4 feet.

**F. (U) MOZAMBIQUE CHANNEL:** South-southeast winds of 10 – 15 knots and seas of 4 – 6 feet in the northern Channel; with southeast winds of 10 – 15 knots and seas of 4 – 6 feet in the southern Channel. **EXTENDED FORECAST:** South-southeast winds of 10 – 15 knots and seas of 3 – 4 feet in the northern Channel; with southeast winds of 10 – 15 knots and seas of 5 – 7 feet in the southern Channel.

**G. (U) SURFACE CURRENTS:** The Northern Arabian Sea and GOA currents are variable with most areas having average speed of 1 knot. The Mozambique Channel currents are variable having average speed of 2 knots. Currents speeds along the Somali basin are northeasterly averaging between 1-2 knots.

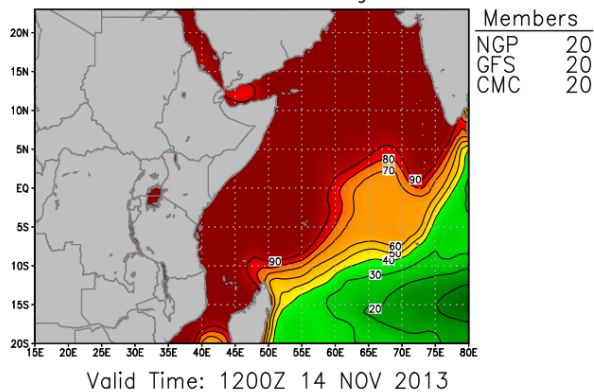
**H. (U) SYNOPTIC DISCUSSION:** The onset of the Northeastern Monsoonal pattern influences the majority of the western Indian Ocean, with high pressure dominating the region producing clear to partly cloudy skies. Expect thunderstorm activity in the Somalia Basin.

## 5. (U) Graphic Aids to 10 Day Weather Conditions and Small Boat Operations Capabilities

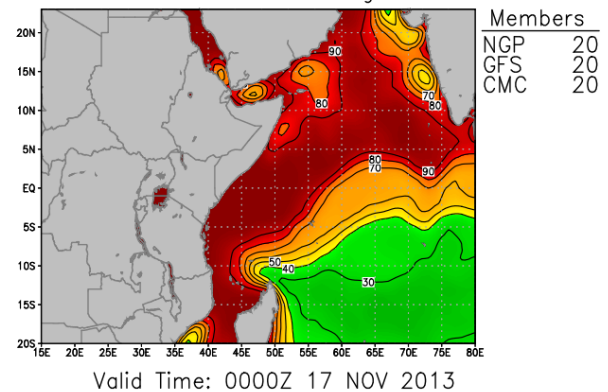
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### 10-Day Piracy Small Boat Operations Weather Forecast, DTG: 2013111200

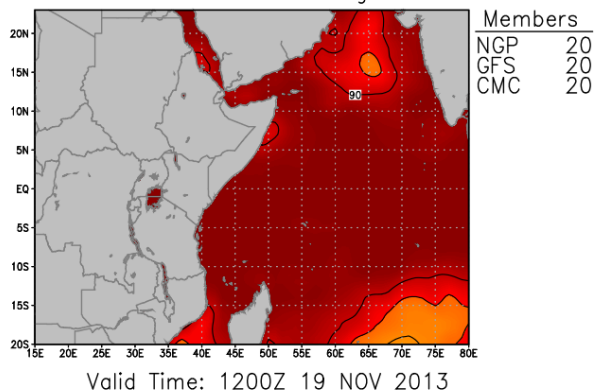
Winds < 15.0 kts and Wave Heights < 5.0 ft



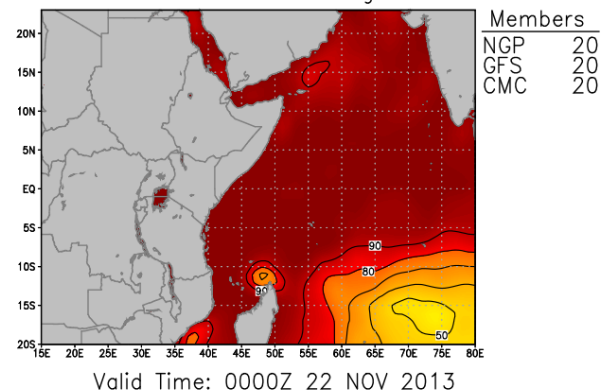
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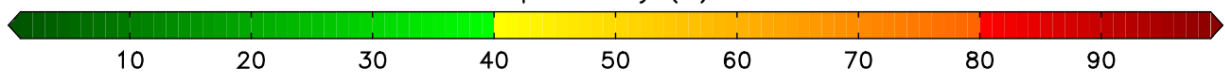
Winds < 17.0 kts and Wave Heights < 7.0 ft



Winds < 17.0 kts and Wave Heights < 7.0 ft



probability (%)



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**(U) Figure 2. Ten-Day Piracy Small Boat Operations Weather Forecast (Graphic courtesy of the Fleet Numerical Meteorology and Oceanography Center, FNMOC)**

(U) In the graphic above, green shading represents a reduced likelihood of pirate activity while red represents a higher likelihood of pirate activity.

## 6. (U) Gulf of Guinea Scope Note

(U) The Piracy Analysis and Warning Weekly (PAWW) Report includes a review of recent piracy and maritime crime incidents and an outlook on threats in the Gulf of Guinea.

## 7. (U) Gulf of Guinea - Piracy Events Over Past Week

(U) Pirate and maritime crime activity in West African waters is at low levels. There were no incidents reported during this one-week period.

### A. (U) Details

(U) **Vessels Hijacked:** No incidents to report.

(U) **Vessels Boarded:** No incidents to report.

(U) **Vessels Fired Upon/Attempted Boardings:** No incidents to report.

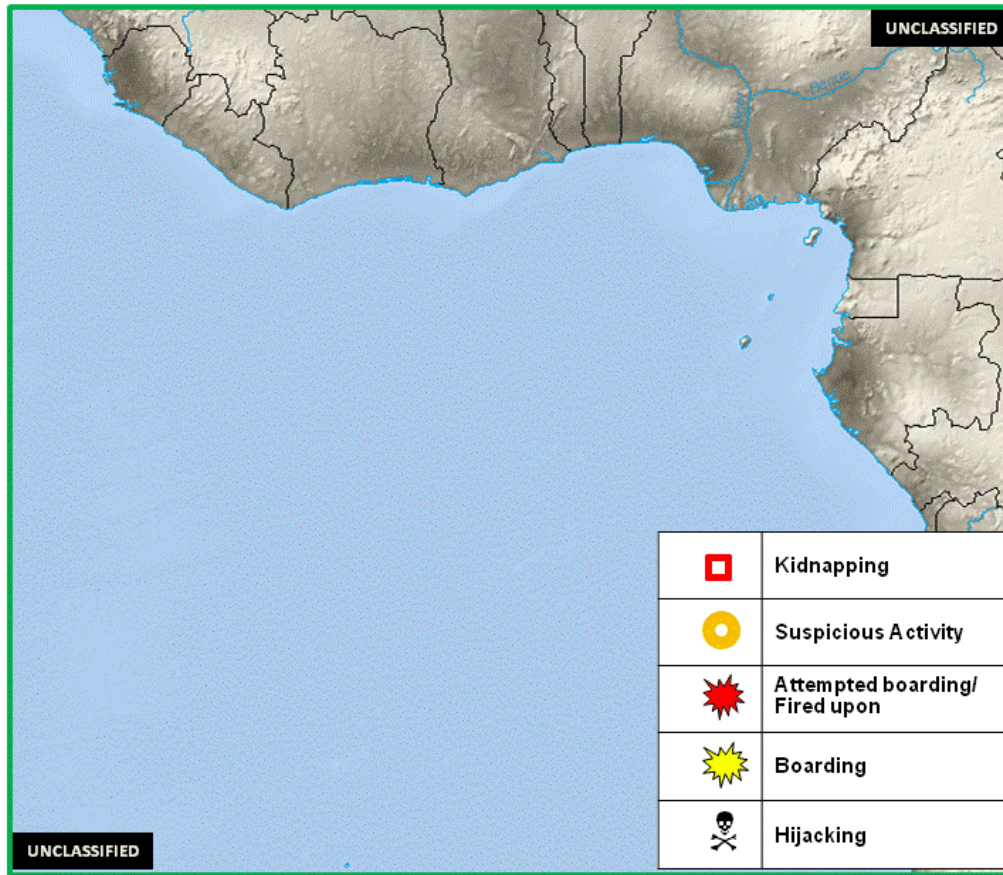
(U) **Kidnapping:** No incidents to report.

#### (U) Other Activity:

(U) NIGERIA: U.S. officials say two Americans who were kidnapped by pirates off the Nigerian coast last month have been freed. A U.S. State Department spokeswoman confirmed the men's release on 12 November. She declined to provide details of how they were freed, citing privacy concerns. Earlier, officials identified the men as the captain and the chief engineer of the C-RETRIEVER, a U.S.-flagged oil supply ship. The two men were kidnapped after pirates stormed the vessel in the Gulf of Guinea. (AFP, Voice of America)



## B. (U) Incident Disposition



(U) Figure 3. GoG Maritime Crime Activity, 7 – 13 November 2013

(U) Figure 3 is a visual depiction of the incidents detailed in above summary of events.

## C. (U) Tabulated Data for Gulf of Guinea Activity

	This Week	Last Week	Nov 2013	Oct 2013	2013	2012	2011	2010
<b>Vessels Hijacked</b>	0	0	0	0	9	14	19	1
<b>Boarding</b>	0	0	0	1	16	31	41	26
<b>Vessels Fired Upon/ Attempted Boarding</b>	0	0	0	1	31	30	26	12
<b>Kidnapping</b>	0	0	0	1	16	14	18	17
<b>Total</b>	0	0	0	3	71	89	104	56

(U) Table 2 is a summary of piracy events that have occurred this week, this month, and current/prior years.

## 8. Currently Hijacked Vessels

Name	Flag	Type	Hijacked Date
N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

## 9. (U) Gulf of Guinea Weather Forecast for 13 – 20 November 2013

**A. (U) GULF OF GUINEA:** South-southeast winds of 5 – 10 knots and seas of 3 – 4 feet. **EXTENDED FORECAST:** Southeast winds of 5 – 10 knots and seas of 3 – 4 feet.

**B. (U) SYNOPTIC DISCUSSION:** The Gulf of Guinea is under the influence of low pressure, with predominately southerly winds in the area. Expect mostly cloudy conditions with rain showers and thunderstorms.

### (U) Appendix

#### (U) Terminology and References

(U) This appendix is provided to promote consistent use of accurate terms of reference in reporting, and it also identifies those references that were used to gather the information contained in this report. Please note that these terms relate to observable activity, are independent of target vessel status, and exclude actions by governmental powers in lawful pursuit of their authorities.

#### (U) Terms of Reference

(U) The following terms have been adopted to describe the range of criminal anti-shipping activity and impediments to safe navigation in our worldwide reporting and analysis:

- **(U) Attempted Boarding** – Close approach or hull-to-hull contact with report that boarding paraphernalia were employed or visible in the approaching boat.
- **(U) Blocking** – Hampering safe navigation, docking, or undocking of a vessel as a means of protest.
- **(U) Boarding** – Unauthorized boarding of a vessel by persons not part of its complement without successfully taking control of the vessel.
- **(U) Firing Upon** – Weapons discharged at or toward a vessel.
- **(U) Hijacking** – Unauthorized seizure and retention of a vessel by persons not part of its complement.
- **(U) Kidnapping** – Unauthorized forcible removal of persons belonging to the vessel from it.
- **(U) Robbery** – Theft from a vessel or from persons aboard the vessel.

- **(U) Suspicious Approach** – All other unexplained activity in close proximity by an unknown vessel.

### **(U) Piracy levels**

- **(U) High:** 5 or more piracy incidents in this one-week period
- **(U) Moderate:** 2–4 piracy incidents in this one-week period
- **(U) Low:** 0–1 piracy incidents in this one-week period

### **(U) Sourcing**

(U) Information contained in this report is derived through direct reporting and analysis of reports from the following agencies and commercial sources:

- Agence France Presse (AFP)
- Associated Press (AP)
- Baltic and International Maritime Council (BIMCO), Denmark
- BBC News
- EU Naval Forces (EU)
- Fairplay (FP), London
- Informa Group (INFO), formerly LLP, Llp Limited, London
- International Maritime Bureau (IMB), London and Kuala Lumpur
- International Maritime Organization (IMO), London
- Latitude38.com (LAT) website
- Lloyd's List (LL), daily, London
- Local Media (LM)
- MaRisk by Risk Intelligence (Risk Intelligence/MaRisk)
- Maritime Administration (MARAD), U.S.
- Maritime Security Centre – Horn of Africa (MSCHOA)
- Maritime Security Council (MSC), U.S.
- National Geospatial-Intelligence Agency (NGA), Navigation Safety System
- North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO), Brussels
- Naval Oceanographic Office Warfighting Support Center
- Oceanuslive.org (OCL)
- Office of Naval Intelligence (ONI) (analysis and comment)
- Operator (owner or operator of affected vessel)
- Overseas Security Advisory Council (OSAC)
- Regional Cooperation Agreement on Combating Piracy and Armed Robbery against Ships in Asia, Information Sharing Center (ReCAAP ISC)
- Reuters
- Royal Australian Navy (RAN)
- Royal New Zealand Navy (RNZN)
- Seafarers' Assistance Program (SAP), Kenya
- Tradewinds (TW)
- United Kingdom Maritime Trade Organization (UKMTO)
- United Press International (UPI)
- U.S. Maritime Liaison Office (MARLO) Bahrain



- U.S. Coast Guard (USCG)
- U.S. Department of Homeland Security (DHS)
- U.S. Department of Justice (DOJ)
- U.S. Department of State (DOS)
- U.S. Department of Transportation (DOT)

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